



CORRECTIONS CONNECTION

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Director's Message



Recently, I have heard from a number of our staff expressing either support or voicing apprehension with respect to delivering programs to inmates here at Metro Corrections. This nexus of perspectives is as old as the history of penology and corrections itself going back hundreds of years...is the purpose of incarceration just

protection of the public; is it punishment; is it treatment...all of the above?

I have heard from many of you that..."we are a jail...we do not keep people long enough to change behavior". Others have said such programs represent a "hug-a-thug mentality" while others promote them as being "a waste of tax payer money."

The reality is the cost of inmate programs delivered to Metro Corrections inmates is very little as most are supported through volunteer efforts, are paid for by the inmates themselves through phone and commissary revenues; may be grant funded; or are a combination of all three.

Furthermore, programs such as adult basic education, Moral Reconnection Therapy (MRT), intensive drug and alcohol treatment and some 12 step programs are all shown to not only work, but may deliver many times the return value for every dollar spent.

Pragmatically however, I believe the importance in supporting inmate programs is much more than promoting pro social behavior and community re-entry options for the inmate population. I believe that the delivery of programs most importantly comes down to this...supporting inmate programs in our jail provides officer and staff safety mechanisms that occupies an inmates time, keeps inmates engaged and in many ways promotes hope and positive forward thinking. What negative comes from this?

There is no such thing as too much security when our primary mission is safety and security. If we can accomplish a portion of this by promoting programs that keep folks occupied, everyone wins.....particularly us!

Inmate GED Graduation Ceremony



Director Mark Bolton and Mayor Greg Fischer award diplomas at the Metro Corrections Inmate GED Graduation in September.

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Swearing In Ceremony

On Friday, September 2nd, a swearing in ceremony was held for newly promoted Captain James “Scott” Wright and Sergeant Sam Broome.

Captain Wright is now over the Training Academy, replacing Captain William Ashby who is the new Administrative Captain.



Sergeant Broome has moved to the Mid-night shift.

Both are excited about their promotions and are adjusting well to their new responsibilities.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

Lt. Michael Hogan recently received some special recognition for his ongoing support and assistance to Corrections Officers in the military who have been deployed overseas.

A representative from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve attended a 3 to 11 roll call in September to present Hogan with a plaque and a personal thank you. Officer Chris Brown, who is currently serving overseas, nominated Hogan.



The award was especially meaningful because Hogan, who served with the Army Reserves, has also been deployed overseas and knows the value of someone helping take care of matters “at home.”

In 1999, he was sent to Bosnia for Operation Joint Forge, part of the stabilizing force after the Bosnian War. An electrician and armament technician for Apache helicopters, Hogan was stationed at Camp Comanche in Tuzla. He spent seven months in the war-torn region and has a NATO plaque commending him for his service in the former Yugoslavia.

GED Graduation

Mayor Greg Fischer addressed graduates receiving their GED diplomas at Louisville Metro Corrections last month. Nine inmates (eight men and one woman) received diplomas from Mayor Fischer and Director Bolton.

JCPS Adult Education Instructors and Classification Supervisor Ruben Pavlov also commended graduations on their hard work and willingness to improve their options for the future.



Various studies point to the value of a high school diploma in reducing recidivism, noting decreases ranging from 8 to 25%.

Day Reporting Graduation

The Day Reporting Center marked a successful first six months with a graduation ceremony at the Hall of Justice. Judge Sean Delahanty joined Metro Corrections staff in awarding diplomas.

The Day Reporting Center, the first of its kind in Kentucky, is a cost-effective alternative to incarceration and helps alleviate jail overcrowding.

The center offers qualified offenders the help they need to “break the cycle,” and change their lives.

Twelve people completed the program and received diplomas.





Mayor Fischer's Chief of Staff Tours Metro Corrections

Ellen Nesen, Mayor Fischer's Chief-of-Staff, took time out of her busy schedule this summer to stop by Metro Corrections. She met with Director Bolton and then took a tour of the jail.

Director Bolton continues to invite members of the Mayor's staff, those on Metro Council and other community leaders and criminal justice stakeholders to tour the facility and get a close up look at the operation.



Best Wishes and a Fond Farewell to our Retirees



Officer Jerry Pridemore



Elaine Giles



Officer Santiago "Jim" Garza



Sergeant Eric Langford



Sergeant Kenneth "Wayne" Bowles
(shown to the left)

Other recent retirees include
Lt. James Banks
(not shown)

Employee Recognition

Employee of the Month
June



Officer Timothy Kirk

Employee of the Month
July



Sarah Brobst

Supervisor of the Month
July



Captain Martin Baker

Officer John Nichols - Drill Team Training



Officer John Nichols, who has been helping the Sheriff's Department with some drill team training, recently assisted with their ceremony at the annual Kentucky Sheriff's Association Convention in Louisville. Very nicely done! Nichols not only helps train the Sheriff's Department, but has been sharing his skills with students at North Bullitt High School for the past seven years.

Captain Ashby— Dart Champion Again!

Captain William Ashby competed again this year in the Medalist World Dart Championship in Las Vegas, Nevada. Ashby and his partner finished 2nd in the World Championship and Cricket/502 Single/Double Tournament. Ashby was introduced to darts in 1994.



Working for Special Olympics

Metro Corrections has supported a number of Special Olympic fundraising events this year like the Polar Plunge, rappelling down the Marriott, and the UPS Truck Pull. And those taking part have proven they are not only generous and dedicated, they are champions! LMDC—once again—won this year's UPS Truck Pull!

Metro Corrections' All-Power Truck Pull Team



Back to Back Champions—2010 and 2011

Thanks to a number of fundraising events for Special Olympics, FOP Lodge 77 has been recognized as the Top Law Enforcement Fundraiser in Kentucky for June 2010 to June 2011. The grand total was \$20,730! Officer Benjamin Benner, who has spearheaded a number of those fundraisers, says they're already working to top that this year!



McCullough said he had some rappelling experience from his time as a Boy Scout and later in the Coast Guard.

This was his second year doing this for Special Olympics. "It was a blast," he said.

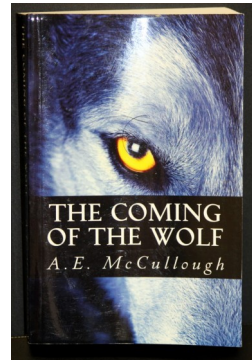
One of this summer's Special Olympic Fundraisers involved rappelling down the side of the downtown Marriott. Officer Andrew McCullough represented Metro Corrections.



An Officer and a Novelist

Officer Andrew McCullough celebrated a couple of milestones this year. He marked his fifth year anniversary at Corrections and published his first novel. (Note the use of "first" novel. He's already hard at work on several more.)

He describes *The Coming of the Wolf* (by A.E. McCullough) as an epic fantasy. "It's kind of like *Lord of the Rings* meets



13th Warrior meets *The Iliad*, which is Greek mythology." For those not quite familiar with epic fantasies, he adds, "It's a classic adventure. There's a hero, there's a heroine, she gets in trouble, the hero rescues her, they fall in love, there's some chase scenes, it's just an all around good adventure story."

McCullough says he began writing the novel almost fifteen years ago. "I went through a divorce in '95 and it was my therapy. It was cheaper than going to a shrink."

He said he'd write for awhile, put it on the shelf, write some more, put it on the shelf, write some more and continue the cycle. Then, suddenly, he had a sense of urgency to finish it. "Five years ago, my mother was diagnosed with lung cancer and she had read the earlier stages of my writing so I really dedicated myself to trying to finish it before she passed."

He didn't quite make it. She died four years ago. "But I did bury my original manuscripts with her," he says, "and I made sure to keep working on it until it was done."



McCullough says he's now working on the sequel and a couple of other novels, as well. He carries a notepad everywhere he goes and often gets in some writing during downtime at work. "I'll scribble on a notepad, then go home and transcribe it."

McCullough, who moved to Louisville from Tennessee in 1994 to open a Tai Kwon Do studio says he gets in a lot more writing now than he did when he owned his own business and had to deal with all of the headaches and responsibilities that came with it. He plans to continue writing and even has an idea for a detective thriller. "My goal is to write the kind of stories I enjoy reading. If I would enjoy this book, that's what I'm writing."

He self-published *The Coming of the Wolf*, which is available on Amazon.com. He says self-publishing is a lot easier and less expensive than it used to be and allows you to keep creative control over your story.

He dedicated the book to the two special women in his life, his wife who has always supported his writing efforts, and his mother who would be so very proud to see him now.



Coat-A-Kid Fundraiser

FOP Lodge 77 is raising money for Coat-A-Kid by raffling off a 9-11 Memorial Badge, Pin and Coin Set.

Sgt. Nick Angelini, who is selling raffle tickets, says only a limited number of sets were produced. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Silent Auction in December.

Angelini will make the set available for viewing at monthly FOP meetings and to all shifts in the weeks ahead.

Sgt. Nick Angelini— Running a Family Business

Sgt. Angelini has always helped raise money for Corrections charity projects whether it's *Coat-A-Kid*, *Special Olympics* or in years past when the Crisis Intervention Team has sponsored families for Christmas. In fact, Angelini's annual donation of gift certificates from his brother's tattoo shop for the *Coat-A-Kid* Silent Auction have always drawn high bids from staff. Interestingly enough, Angelini and his wife (who recently got her business degree) just bought his brother Erik's shop and now own their own small business. "I looked at it as an opportunity," Angelini says. "It's a business with very little overhead. You've got your basic monthly bills but it's a low risk."

Formerly called *Vault of Horror Tattoo Shop*, they've divided it into two businesses: *Cryptic Ink* and *Vault of Horror*. One side offers tattoos, and the other offers consulting, planning, and design services for the haunted house industry. "The lobby of the tattoo shop kind of focuses on what we can do for prop design and haunted houses and things," he explains, "but tattoos are what have always paid the bills."

He says they've made a few improvements to the tattoo side, adding another artist (in addition to his brother), expanding hours and allowing "walk-in" clients instead of requiring appointments only. The shop already has a 100 percent sanitation rating, a critical component for a successful tattoo shop.

On the "horror" side of things, Angelini says that while you think of haunted houses as seasonal, they take a lot of preparation. "It's a year

round business, preparing, tearing them down, building them, designing them, providing soundtracks for them, we provide all of that."

He says they've been involved in five haunted houses in the past, helped with a horror movie shot at Waverly a few years ago, and hope next year to have a haunted house of their own. They're currently looking for a partner who can offer a good location. He sees great financial potential once that happens pointing out, "It's a big business. Halloween is the second biggest holiday, right behind Christmas."



Lobby of Cryptic Ink



Tattoo Shop

Making Strides for a Good Cause

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and many at Metro Corrections will take part in the upcoming *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5k Walk*.

One who will be "walking proud" is Officer Glynis Baines. Baines, herself a cancer survivor, knows the value of awareness, and the support of those around you. "Keep it moving," she says. "Keep your spirits up and keep people around you who will keep your spirits up." She notes that while you might not be directly affected with cancer, it can affect those around you."



Officer Glynis Baines

A group of women in Records make the walk an annual event. Debra Alberhasky lost her mother to bladder cancer, her father to lung cancer, and another family member to breast cancer. "In some ways it affects everybody so I wanted to contribute, to help other people because it's important," she says.

Statistics show 1 in 8 women will develop invasive breast cancer during their lifetime. Men also get the disease, although at a much lower percentage.

Sandria Mucker says she knows anyone of us can get it and she's inspired by those who have struggled to overcome it. "They have a breakfast every year and people tell their stories and it's heart wrenching.

You never know what someone goes through and for them to tell their story and how they survived is touching enough for you to want to do the walk."



Sandria Mucker, Samone Smith, Toyia Hubbard, Debra Alberhasky, and ShaRonda Simmons

Samone Smith also walks with the Records group. "I've had family members that have had it and passed away and it's just something I wanted to do to show support for my loved ones."

ShaRonda Simmons is amazed by the variety of people who walk. "People wear different shirts to show who their supporting, their names, their pictures. Some people, you know, are down there because they're survivors of breast cancer."

Toyia Hubbard walks in honor of two aunts who are breast cancer survivors. She notes that this is a disease that affects any and everyone, young and old, poor and rich, all races. "For you to donate to find a cure, that would be awesome. Then you can say, I was part of that. I gave."

Others from Corrections walking this year include Sgt. Tamiko Joyner. She does it to honor her mother, diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005. "It's one of my family's biggest enemies. I believe it's helping to form an army."

***If you would like to contribute to this important cause—
contact any of those walking before Sunday, October 23rd.***

Honoring Former Metro Corrections Deputy Director Joe Payne



September 5, 1951—September 8, 2011



*Joe Payne retired from the
Louisville Metro Department
of Corrections in 2004 after
32 years of service.*

*He served with honor and
distinction, and our thoughts
and prayers remain with
his family.*

